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1. LOCAL PRC-OWNED NEWSPAPERS IN HONG KONG HAVE CARRIED FOREIGN WIRE SERVICE REPORTS INDICATING THAT HUAN HSIANG (1360/6763) WILL SUCCEED LI LIEN-PI AS PEKING'S AMBASSADOR TO THE EEC.

2. CONGEN RECORDS INDICATE THAT HUAN'S LAST PUBLIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPEARANCE WAS IN APRIL 1968, WHEN HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS AN

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WHILE WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT HUAN WAS CRITICIZED DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, HE WAS PROBABLY REMOVED FROM OFFICE. GIVEN HIS LONG ABSENCE FROM PUBLIC LIFE, HIS RE-EMERGENCE AND APPOINTMENT TO AN AMBASSADORSHIP AT THIS TIME IS NOTEWORTHY.

3. LIKE FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA, HUAN HAS A JOURNALISTIC BACKGROUND, HAVING AT ONE TIME EDITED A KUOMINGTANG ARMY NEWSPAPER DURING WWII AND WORKED FOR THE WEN WEI PAO IN HONG KONG IN 1947. BORN IN 1910 IN KWEICHOW, HUAN ONCE STUDIED AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY COLLEGE. AFTER GRADUATION FROM SHANGHAI'S COMMUNICATIONS COLLEGE, HE DID ADVANCED STUDIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS AT WASEDA UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN. REPORTEDLY, HE HAS ALSO ATTENDED THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

4. IN 1949, HUAN JOINED THE NEW POLITICAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE AND THAT YEAR WAS ALSO APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF CHINA'S DELEGATION TO THE WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE IN PRAGUE. FROM OCTOBER 1949 TO JUNE 1954, HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE WEST EUROPE AND AFRICA DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS A SECRETARY OF THE SINO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION (OCTOBER 1949 - DECEMBER 1954) AND AS ADVISOR TO THE PRC DELEGATION TO THE 1954 GENEVA CONFERENCE LED BY CHOU EN-LAI. FROM 1954 UNTIL MARCH 1962, HUA WAS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN THE U.K. HE WAS NAMED AN ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN APRIL 1954.

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